

Iraq about the plumbing in their homes not working, about the electricity having been shut off because of the wiring.

Mr. Speaker, let us do something that we need to do now and support our soldiers. It will take millions and millions of dollars when those senior members of the military get out, because their families do not want them to stay in the military because they do not have adequate housing.

Mr. Speaker, I promised the soldiers that we were going to correct that. Now I feel kind of embarrassed that we could not deliver to them what they need. I feel like my colleague. I am ashamed that we were not able to help our soldiers, those who are being wounded, those in the different hospitals.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, we pride ourselves in this body, I know my chairman and I pride ourselves, in working for and supporting the troops. But supporting the troops is more than a bumper sticker. We are the one body in the United States of America that can speak, and speak with authority, and make good things happen for those families and those soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

I hate to turn the news on in the morning, because I hear so many Americans have either been wounded or killed or both in the far reaches of Afghanistan and Iraq.

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Those St. Louis families, we are not going to take care of them. We are going to do it by insisting on a technical point of order on the appropriations bill. That is not right. So let us vote for this. I will support this suspension measure. I, of course, do so with reluctance because we could solve the problem so easily on the appropriations bill by just doing nothing.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the bill under consideration here today. But I am disappointed that we could not address this issue in the military construction appropriations bill.

The military construction bill includes not just funding for the construction of much needed facilities but also funds dedicated to constructing housing for our troops and their families. These funds are needed to construct new housing to replace existing housing that is in poor condition—where failing electrical systems and leaky roofs risk the safety of our military families. These funds are needed to build new houses on military bases where there are not enough homes to meet the demand of our military families—where the waiting time for a home can be over a year, where young enlisted families must live far from the support the base community provides. And these funds are needed to remodel and refurbish homes that are in disrepair—where families live without proper air conditioning in the summer or with poor heating in the winter.

In order to meet these pressing needs in the best and quickest way possible, we have worked with private industry to speed relief to military families. But today some here in Con-

gress want to put a halt to the very successful military housing privatization program—not because they want to harm military families, but because they want to argue about the legislative process.

I believe that there is a time and a place for a debate about budget process to occur—that time is not now. Not when we have military families living in substandard housing. And not when we have hundreds of thousands of fathers and mothers serving in hostile environments around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote to support our military families by supporting the privatized housing program that has been so successful in bringing needed relief to these hardworking families.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4879.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### PERMITTING 5-MINUTE VOTES AFTER FIRST VOTE IN NEXT SERIES NOTWITHSTANDING INTERVENING PROCEEDINGS

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during the next series of postponed votes, ensuing votes after the first vote may be 5-minute votes notwithstanding intervening proceedings attending the swearing in of the new Member-elect from North Carolina.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kansas?

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

Conference report to accompany H.R. 2443, by the yeas and nays; and on the motions to suspend the rules and pass

H.R. 4840, by the yeas and nays; and H.R. 4879, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2443, COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2004

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of

agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2443, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 425, nays 1, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 404]

#### YEAS—425

Abercrombie	Cunningham	Hinojosa
Ackerman	Davis (AL)	Hobson
Aderholt	Davis (CA)	Hoefel
Akin	Davis (FL)	Hoekstra
Alexander	Davis (IL)	Holden
Allen	Davis (TN)	Holt
Andrews	Davis, Jo Ann	Honda
Baca	Davis, Tom	Hooley (OR)
Bachus	Deal (GA)	Hostettler
Baird	DeFazio	Houghton
Baker	DeGette	Hoyer
Baldwin	Delahunt	Hulshof
Ballenger	DeLauro	Hunter
Barrett (SC)	DeLay	Hyde
Bartlett (MD)	DeMint	Inslee
Barton (TX)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Isakson
Bass	Diaz-Balart, M.	Israel
Beauprez	Dicks	Issa
Becerra	Dingell	Istook
Bell	Doggett	Jackson (IL)
Bereuter	Dooley (CA)	Jackson-Lee
Berkley	Doolittle	(TX)
Berman	Doyle	Jefferson
Berry	Dreier	Jenkins
Biggart	Duncan	John
Bilirakis	Dunn	Johnson (CT)
Bishop (GA)	Edwards	Johnson (IL)
Bishop (NY)	Ehlers	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (UT)	Emanuel	Johnson, Sam
Blackburn	Emerson	Jones (NC)
Blumenauer	Engel	Jones (OH)
Blunt	English	Kanjorski
Boehlert	Eshoo	Kaptur
Boehner	Etheridge	Keller
Bonilla	Evans	Kelly
Bonner	Everett	Kennedy (MN)
Bono	Farr	Kennedy (RI)
Boozman	Fattah	Kildee
Boswell	Feeney	Kilpatrick
Boucher	Filner	Kind
Boyd	Flake	King (IA)
Bradley (NH)	Foley	King (NY)
Brady (PA)	Forbes	Kingston
Brady (TX)	Ford	Kirk
Brown (SC)	Fossella	Klecza
Brown, Corrine	Frank (MA)	Kline
Brown-Waite,	Franks (AZ)	Knollenberg
Ginny	Frelinghuysen	Kolbe
Burgess	Frost	Kucinich
Burns	Gallegly	LaHood
Burr	Garrett (NJ)	Lampson
Burton (IN)	Gephardt	Langevin
Buyer	Gerlach	Lantos
Calvert	Gibbons	Larsen (WA)
Camp	Gilchrest	Larson (CT)
Cannon	Gillmor	Latham
Cantor	Gingrey	LaTourette
Capito	Gonzalez	Leach
Capps	Goode	Lee
Capuano	Goodlatte	Levin
Cardin	Gordon	Lewis (CA)
Cardoza	Goss	Lewis (GA)
Carson (OK)	Granger	Lewis (KY)
Carter	Graves	Linder
Case	Green (TX)	Lipinski
Castle	Green (WI)	LoBiondo
Chabot	Greenwood	Lofgren
Chandler	Grijalva	Lowe
Chocola	Gutierrez	Lucas (KY)
Clay	Gutknecht	Lucas (OK)
Clyburn	Hall	Lynch
Coble	Harman	Maloney
Cole	Harris	Manzullo
Conyers	Hart	Markey
Cooper	Hastings (FL)	Marshall
Costello	Hastings (WA)	Matheson
Cox	Hayes	Matsui
Cramer	Hayworth	McCarthy (MO)
Crane	Hefley	McCarthy (NY)
Crenshaw	Hensarling	McCollum
Crowley	Herger	McCotter
Cubin	Herseth	McCrery
Culberson	Hill	McDermott
Cummings	Hinche	McGovern